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**REMARKS**

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**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 2-8 and 11-18, 20-23 and 26-37 were pending in the present application. Claim 20 has been amended. Claim 15 has been canceled. Claims 2-8 and 11-14, 16-18, 20-23 and 26-37 would be pending in the application if the instant amendment is entered. As the prosecution on the merits is closed, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment.

**I. Claim Objection**

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the recitation of variables  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{19}$ , and  $n$  as not corresponding to the chemical structure or definition of the variables.

Applicants have amended claim 20 and canceled claim 15 to address the objections. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw these objections.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below if it would be helpful in advancing the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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